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MEMORANDUM TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Cessation of Personnel Investigation

1. As you know, the FBI ceased accepting Personal History Statements from this agency on 1 January 1948. As of 12 January, the Executive for I & S had prepared a plan to meet this emergency and to continue investigations, first on an interim and reduced basis and later on a full and complete basis. This plan was approved by the Executive Director and forwarded to the Deputy Director and Director. Since then, no further instructions have been received.

2. There are now 41 Personal History Statements awaiting action in the Investigation Division. Inasmuch as many of these applicants were probably interviewed during the month of December and were led to believe their acceptance might be expected upon satisfactory completion of an investigation to be initiated at once, it can be seen that in fairness to both operating offices and to applicants, administrative action to notify offices and the appropriate CIA personnel is imperative.

3. Recommend that:

a. Executive for A & M have this backlog of PHS forms examined and arranged in priority, this priority to be submitted to Executive for I & S.

b. Assistant Director GSO be directed to estimate number of cases which can be handled by the SO Field Investigation Unit, and to accept same from this office.

c. Immediate authority be given to implement plan submitted by Executive for I & S on 12 January. As an interim measure, authority be granted this date to recruit for provisional appointment on temporary security waiver a total of ten "security officers, investigators" for the office of

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